# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

ARTHUR COPELAND, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 17-CV-564-TCK-JFJ

C.A.A.I.R., INC., a not-for-profit corporation, et al.,

Defendants.

# DEFENDANTS' NOTICE TO COURT ON REMAND OF DEFENDANTS' PENDING MOTION TO DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE CERTAIN PLAINTIFFS FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE COURT'S CLASS CERTIFICATION SCHEDULING ORDER

On December 10, 2020, the Court granted Defendants' *Joint Motion to Dismiss* and entered judgment for Defendants. *See* Doc. Nos. 237, 238. Plaintiffs appealed. On May 1, 2023, the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit vacated the judgment and remanded. *See Copeland v. C.A.A.I.R.*, No. 21-5024, 2023 WL 3166345 (10th Cir. May 1, 2023) (unpublished). The Court issued its mandate on May 23, 2023. *See* No. 21-5024, Doc. No. 11000988.

Prior to this Court's dismissal and judgment for Defendants, Magistrate Judge Jodi Jayne denied Plaintiffs' *Motion to Extend Deadline to Fully Comply with Their Discovery Obligations* (Doc. No. 181) and directed Defendants to "file a motion seeking" dismissal of Plaintiffs "deemed noncompliant with the terms of the CCSO [Class Certification Scheduling Order]." Doc. No. 219 at 14. Defendants filed their *Motion to Dismiss* 54 of the 55 plaintiffs for being noncompliant with the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Judge Jayne's order notes Plaintiffs' counsel conceded "dismissal was proper" for six Plaintiffs. *See* Doc. No. 219 at 9.

CCSO. Doc. No. 220.<sup>2</sup> Defendants moved to dismiss those Plaintiffs with prejudice, as required under the CCSO. *Id.*; DOC No. 163.

Defendants' *Motion to Dismiss* has been fully briefed and is ripe for resolution. *See* Doc. Nos. 223, 226. As the Tenth Circuit has remanded this case, there is no longer any jurisdictional impediment to the Court considering and granting Defendants' *Motion to Dismiss*.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> At the time of the Court's judgment, there were fifty-five Plaintiffs in this suit. However, two Plaintiffs – Dexter Mackay and Gilbert Sanders – did not appeal the judgment. *See Copeland*, 2023 WL 3166345, at \*2 n.4. Accordingly, only fifty-three Plaintiffs remain parties and subject to dismissal for noncompliance with the CCSO.

## Respectfully submitted,

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